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POTENTIAL LINKED PLAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States have set any target for the production of rabi and kharif crops for the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has introduced Potential Linked Plan in every district as a basis for credit planning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits likely to accrue to farmers therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Government of India acts the production targets of different crops, for Kharif and Rabi seasons. The States also set their production targets of different crops for Kharif and Rabi seasons. The production targets of major States for current year (2006-07) during Kharif and Rabi season as communicated by them are given at Annexure.

(c)&(d): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) prepares Potential Linked Credit Plan (PLPs) on annual basis for each of the districts of the country which forms the basis for preparation of district credit plan. PLPs attempt at mapping the sector-wise/activity-wise potential with block-wise segregation by following a participative process involving the banks, government departments/agencies, etc. in both pre and post PLP stages. Besides, estimating the available credit potential, PLPs also identify the critical gaps in infrastructure and other support services.

PLPs ensures proper alignment of the credit plan (targets) with the available potential so as to direct the credit flow for the desired sectors and activities taking into account the available infrastructure and other support services. Such credit expansion is ultimately aimed at helping the faremers for taking up various credit supported activities